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Examine the constitutional significance of peaceful political demonstrations and transparent electoral processes in strengthening Indian democracy.

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Freedom of assembly; Article 324; electoral integrity; electoral rolls; peaceful protest; institutional accountability

Model Answer

Introduction

Democratic governance depends on credible elections, constitutional institutions and citizens' ability to express dissent peacefully. Electoral transparency and peaceful demonstrations strengthen public participation and accountability.

Constitutional Framework

Article 19(1)(a) protects freedom of speech and expression, while Article 19(1)(b) guarantees peaceful assembly without arms. These freedoms are subject to reasonable constitutional restrictions. Article 324 empowers the Election Commission of India to supervise elections to Parliament and State Legislatures.

Importance of Electoral Integrity

Accurate electoral rolls, transparent revision procedures and accessible grievance-redressal mechanisms help ensure that eligible citizens can exercise their voting rights. Allegations of irregularities should be investigated

through established legal and institutional processes.

Challenges and Measures

Authorities must facilitate lawful peaceful assemblies while maintaining public order and protecting public safety. Election authorities should publish clear procedures, address complaints promptly and communicate decisions transparently. Political parties and civil society should rely on evidence and lawful mechanisms when raising electoral concerns.

Conclusion

Peaceful protest and credible elections are complementary pillars of constitutional democracy. Protecting civil liberties, ensuring impartial electoral administration and strengthening institutional accountability are essential to maintaining public trust.